

# 2012 SANDHILLS CATTLE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## THE SANDHILLS CATTLE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

*Five (5) scholarships will be awarded. Each scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.*

Funds for the scholarships come from the Sandhills Cattle Association, a non-profit organization. The Association is organized for the purpose of promoting the cattle and resources of the Sandhills through education, marketing, communications and unique member services.

## THE HOWARD WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM:

*One (1) scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500.*

This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of Howard Wright, a lifelong Cherry County rancher and long time member of the Sandhills Cattle Association. Funds for the scholarship come from the proceeds of two registered Longhorn steers which were sold at the 2005 SCA Convention. The Wright family is involved in the selection process for this scholarship.

**WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS?--The applicant must be the son or daughter of a current producer member or associate member of the Sandhills Cattle Association.** Applicant, applicants' parents or the parents' business must be current in their SCA membership. Applicants do *not* have to be studying in the agriculture field to apply for or receive the scholarship. Students must be undergraduates and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to be eligible. Both graduating high school seniors and students currently attending or planning to attend college or vo-tech school during the next school year can apply. Applicants must apply within six years of high school graduation. Students planning to attend a junior college, community college or vo-tech school will be given priority consideration for *one* of the available scholarships. The scholarship can be won twice.

**WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO TO APPLY?--**Complete the application form. Spelling and grammar will be considered in the selection process. Handwritten applications will be disqualified. A copy of your most recent transcript and a sealed letter of recommendation must accompany your application. The letter should come from an adult who is not a school employee or relative.

**PLEASE PLACE ALL INFORMATION ON THE APPLICATION FORM AS DIRECTED.**

A photocopy of the form will be accepted, however, A RE-TYPED APPLICATION FORM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. If additional space is needed, use the back side of the form and designate to which question the answer refers. A printed copy of the application is available from the SCA office or as a fillable .pdf form on the Association's website at [www.sandhillscattle.com](http://www.sandhillscattle.com).

**DO NOT INCLUDE COVERS, EXTRA PAGES OR PHOTOS.**

**★★★POINTS WILL BE DEDUCTED FOR NOT FOLLOWING SET RULES.★★★**

**WHERE CAN SCHOLARSHIPS BE USED?--**The scholarships can be used at any accredited university, 2-year or 4-year college or technical school.

**WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF PAYMENTS?--**The scholarships will be paid directly to the school upon proof of registration. One-half will be paid for the first semester or quarter; the second half will be paid for the second semester or quarter upon proof of a 2.5 grade point average during the first semester. Scholarship winners must submit their grades to the SCA office for verification by January 6, 2013. If circumstances prevent the recipient from using the scholarship for the following college year, the committee will decide whether the situation deems that the scholarship shall be held for one year.

### WHAT WILL THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD BE BASED UPON?

- ◆ Commitment to furthering education
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Extra-curricular activities
- ◆ Interview (finalists will be interviewed by the Selection Committee.)
- ◆ Long-term goals
- ◆ Academic achievement
- ◆ Committee review of application

Scholarships are academic in nature; financial need will *not* be considered.

**HOW ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS RECOGNIZED?--**Finalists will be notified of their acceptance within one week of their interview. The scholarship recipients and their parent(s) will be invited to the Sandhills Cattle Association Convention on Thursday, May 24, 2012, where presentation will be made. Scholarship recipients will receive a complimentary ticket to attend the convention.

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**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

**Return to: Sandhills Cattle Association • P. O. Box 786 • Valentine, NE 69201-0786**

*For more information call: 402-376-2310 or 1-800-658-0551 or e-mail [sca@sandhillscattle.com](mailto:sca@sandhillscattle.com)*

# 2012 APPLICATION FOR SCA SCHOLARSHIP

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name Under Which Parents' Membership Is Listed (ranch or business name, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Name of 2-year, 4-year or technical school you are attending or plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

## STATEMENT OF APPLICANT

*I have included:*

1. Completed application form
2. Transcript
3. One letter of recommendation in a sealed envelope.

Please Note: All of the above items **must** be submitted or points will be deducted.

Do Not Include covers or extra pages.

Do Not Include photos.

**Not following these instructions will result in deduction of points in the selection process.**

**I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, all information given on this application is true, correct, original and complete.**

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ Students

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_ SAT Score \_\_\_\_\_

Area of study/major (be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

**1. How does your chosen field of study relate to your future goals?**

**2. How will your education help you to benefit or enhance agriculture?**

**3. Approximately how long has your family's ranch or business been a member of the Sandhills Cattle Association and what services or activities do they find the most useful?**

**4. Describe your work experience (paid or not paid, on or off ranch) and what you learned from these experiences:**

**5. What leadership skills do you think are necessary for people in rural communities? Why?**

**6. What do you think can be done to keep young people in production agriculture?**

**7. School Activities, Organizations:**

**8. Civic, Church, Non-school Activities:**

**9. Honors and Awards:**

Answer in 500-1000 words:

**Sustainability is the buzzword in agriculture today. Define sustainability as it relates to agriculture and tell us how sustainability impacts your family's operation and rural communities now and in the future.**

# EVALUATION SCORE SHEET FOR 2012 SCA SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Questions and Divisions To Be Evaluated</i>	<u>Maximum Points</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
Accumulative Grade Point Average/ACT/SAT .....	5 pts.	____pts.
Transcript (class difficulty, no. of classes, etc.) .....	5 pts.	____pts.
1. How does your chosen field of study relate to your future goals? .....	15 pts.	____pts.
2. How will your education help you to benefit agriculture? .....	10 pts.	____pts.
3. Approximately, how long has your family's ranch or business been a member of the Sandhills Cattle Association and what services or activities do they find the most useful? .....	10 pts.	____pts.
4. Work experience (5 pts.) & What did you learn? (10 pts.) . . .	15 pts.	____pts.
5. What leadership skills do you think are necessary for people in rural communities? .....	5 pts.	____pts.
6. What do you think can be done to keep young people in production agriculture? .....	5 pts.	____pts.
7. School Activities, Organizations. ....	10 pts.	____pts.
8. Civic, Church, Non-school. ....		
9. Honors and Awards. ....		
Essay. ....	20 pts.	____pts.
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>100 pts.</b>	<b>____pts.</b>

\_\_\_\_\_ Rank After Evaluation of Written Portion of Application

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INTERVIEW ..... Rank  
(finalists will be interviewed and ranked accordingly)

# INTERVIEW SCORE SHEET FOR 2012 SCA SCHOLARSHIP

Applicant I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Each Question is Worth 10 Points*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant's Appearance**  
(neat, clean, appropriate attire, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_ **How did the Applicant Present Himself or Herself**  
(did the applicant appear comfortable, confident, professional?)

\_\_\_\_\_ **How did the Applicant Answer the Questions**  
(did the applicant answer questions thoroughly and completely? did the applicant provide correct answers?)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Applicant's Knowledge of Agriculture**  
(was the applicant knowledgeable about agriculture in general, his or her family's operation, the beef industry?)

\_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL POINTS FOR INTERVIEW**

\_\_\_\_\_ Interview Rank